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Important CLC-BTC meeting to push labor's campaign windup

from the EDITOR'S CHAIR

NIXON'S INACCURACIES

The theme of the second Kennedy-Nixon debate was summed up by Senator Kennedy.

"Mr. Nixon has stated the record inaccurately," the senator said.

At this point, Kennedy referred to Nixon's complete disregard for the facts on the high unemployment rate and the fact that five new areas had been classified as "depressed" that day.

But Kennedy used the words "wholly inaccurate" on at least two other occasions:

1. When Nixon said U. S. prestige is at an all-time high, and
2. When Nixon said the Democratic platform would unbalance the budget and cost more than the Republican platform.

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KENNEDY HAD FACTS

The important fact is not that Kennedy accused Nixon of distorting the truth. Nixon did that too.

But Kennedy backed it up with facts.

For example, Nixon tried to put the blame for Congress' failure to abolish discrimination in government contract jobs upon Kennedy's shoulders.

Kennedy pointed out that Nixon was on the Administration's government contracts committee and had not at any time indicated support of anti-discrimination action by the committee.

Atty. Gen. Rogers has prosecuted only six cases under the 1957 and 1960 voting bill, Kennedy added.

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U.S. PRESTIGE?

Tricky Dick said U. S. prestige is at a new high.

Kennedy asked why the number of votes in the United Nations for admission of Red China has risen during eight years of Republican foreign policy if our prestige is so high.

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BUDGET SCARE

When Nixon tried to dig up the federal spending monster, Kennedy pointed out that the Democrats plan to undo the Republican tight money policies which have been helping the bankers, but hurting everybody else.

This will provide the economic growth we need, Kennedy pointed out, and the reforms called for in the Democratic platform can be carried out with a balanced budget. Kennedy added that the worst unbalanced budget on record was in the GOP year of 1958.

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TRICKY DICK WORRIED

On other points, Kennedy repeatedly called Tricky Dick's bluff.

No wonder the Vice President looked worried.

OFFICIAL NOTICES

Unions will find notices of important meetings called by their officers, on page 5 of this issue of the Journal.

Bowles lashes stumbling GOP foreign policies

Our "stumbling" Republican foreign policies have consisted largely of unsuccessful attempts to buy friends abroad, Congressman Chester W. Bowles of Connecticut—considered the most likely Democratic secretary of state—said in Berkeley last week.

Bowles, who has also been ambassador to India and Nepal, governor of Connecticut, OPA price administrator and chairman of the 1960 Democratic platform committee, spoke at a fund-raising dinner for the Cohelan for Congress Committee Thursday night at the Hotel Claremont.

The day may come he said, when we can effectively negotiate disarmament with the Russians, but in the meantime we need a strong defense policy.

COHELAN'S COMMITTEE

Most of the generals and admirals appearing before the Armed Services Committee, of which Congressman Jeffery Cohelan is a member, agree that the United States slipped badly in defense, Bowles said.

We have to have Soviet Premier Khrushchev's agreement before effective world armament control can be achieved, Bowles pointed out, but a strong defense policy on our part is going to make this agreement easier to obtain.

"Experts agree that time is running out, that the next U. S. president must find an answer ... even if he has to knock a few heads together," Bowles told approximately 400 Cohelan supporters.

Bowles said, however, that "today we have no policy."

STRONG AID POLICY

The United States, Bowles said, needs an overseas aid program under which the peoples of the world will work together

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Reuther speaks in Oakland; attacks Nixon 'double talk'

Walter Reuther, vice-president of the AFLCIO and president of the United Auto Workers, attacked Richard M. Nixon's record and truthfulness in Oakland Monday night.

Speaking before about 800 persons in the Oakland Auditorium Theater, Reuther said:

"I listened to Tricky Dick the other night, and this fellow is one of the most skillful double talkers in the history of American politics."

At another point, Reuther declared:

"I am frightened that a man who has so little respect for the truth should want to be in the White House."

Nixon says he's for education, Reuther charged, but he cast the tie breaking vote against federal adi for schools last summer.

The Vice President defends his vote with "some hocus-pocus about federal controls," Reuther said, "but he voted against our children."

Reuther said the federal controls argument was "double talk," because the bill Nixon defeated would have let the states decide how to use the money.

MINIMUM WAGE

Nixon said he was for a minimum wage, Reuther went on, but he didn't want it to cost anything. Reuther branded it "a cockeyed, upside down economic theory" that Nixon should consider it inflationary to raise the wages of underprivileged workers but economically sound to jack up interest rates to benefit bankers and money lenders.

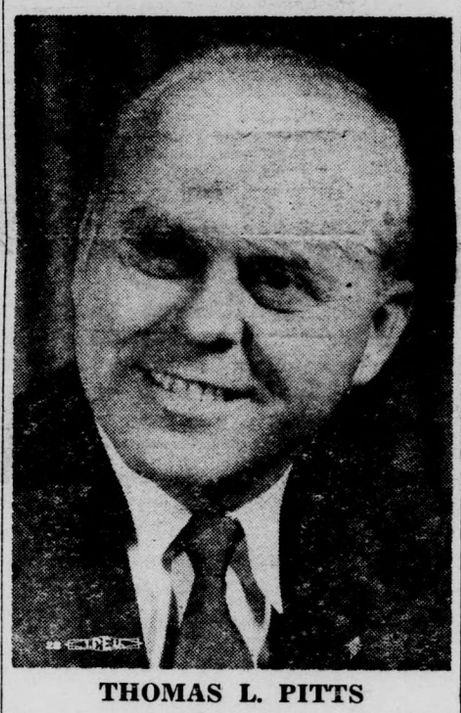
DISCRIMINATION

Reuther attacked Nixon for claiming to be for civil rights, when the Vice President, as chairman of the committee on government contracts, "has not had the moral courage to fight the big corporations that discriminate at the hiring gate because these same corporations are the same corporations that

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SEN. CLAIR ENGLE



THOMAS L. PITTS

AFLCIO-Teamo issue in election of Bakers 125

A hassle over affiliation with the Teamsters vs. rejoining the AFLCIO has developed in the campaign for the secretary's job of Bakers 125.

Local 125 is presently affiliated with the Bakery and Confectionery Workers Union, ousted from the AFLCIO on corruption charges

At a meeting last Saturday, Secretary Henry Simpson told members of his efforts to reach an affiliation agreement with Teamster leaders in the Bay Area. So far, no affiliation has been concluded.

LYNCH RUNS

John Lynch, who is running for Simpon's post, said the union should investigate joining an AFLCIO affiliate, rather than another international kicked out of the AFLCIO.

As a result of Lynch's stand at Saturday's meeting, a Local 125 committee has been set up to investigate affiliating with different unions—not just the Teamsters.

The advance billing of the

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Candidates to speak; Engle, Pitts invited

U. S. Sen. Clair Engle and Thomas L. Pitts, secretary-treasurer of the California Labor Federation, will address Monday's joint Central Labor Council-Building Trades Council meeting.

CLC Secretary Robert S. Ash announced this week that candidates endorsed by the Alameda County AFLCIO Council on Political Education for Congress and the State Legislature have been invited to attend the meeting.

The meeting will be held at 8 o'clock Monday night in Hall M of the Labor Temple.

It will be a special meeting for all delegates, executive board members, shop stewards, COPE members, representatives, paid officers and any other interested members of AFLCIO unions in Alameda County.

"The purpose of this meeting is to program for our efforts in the final three weeks of the election campaign," Secretary Ash said in a letter to all unions affiliated with the CLC.

"All of the polls," Ash said, "indicate that California is one of the key states and at this minute some polls show that Nixon is leading in California.

California Labor can't let Nixon carry the state. We here in Alameda County must see to it that Alameda County casts a majority of its votes for Kennedy."

Ash urged a big turnout for the meeting to plan the final push which will put the Kennedy-Johnson ticket over the top in Alameda County; bring victory to Congressmen Jeffery Cohelan and George P. Miller, and put the six labor-endorsed candidates for the Assembly in Alameda County in the winning column.

Ash reports on Truman dinner plans; Engle talks

"Nixon is like a dog chasing a car. If he caught it, he couldn't drive it," U. S. Sen. Clair Engle told a Bay Area labor luncheon to promote the Kennedy campaign Monday in San Francisco.

Senator Engle urged a strong campaign by labor in the Bay Area to offset Democratic weak spots in other parts of California.

Secretary Robert S. Ash of the Alameda County Central Labor Council, Northern California labor chairman for Kennedy, reported on plans for the $15-a-plate dinner featuring Former President Harry S. Truman at 8 p.m. Oct. 28 in Berkeley.

Sears Roebuck boycott still on!

The Sears Roebuck boycott is still on.

George W. Johns, secretary of the San Francisco Labor Council, said Monday:

"Until the last fired employee is rehired, with full benefits restored, and until the company ends its interference with the union rights of its employees, labor's boycott of Sears will continue."

Johns made his statement in response to one issued by Sears in Chicago. The company said all except six of the 262 workers whose firing prompted the boycott had been rehired.

Labor spokesmen said however, that nearly 30 still have not been recalled. Many have been demoted or transferred, and they have not been compensated for their lost time.

Rudy Tham, secretary of Teamsters 856, said his union has signed an agreement with Sears Roebuck and is no longer participating in the boycott.

HOW TO BUY

Teen-age installment buyers

By SIDNEY MARGOLIUS
Labor Consumer Advisor for Labor Journal

As you may have observed, retail stores throughout the country are campaigning to get teen-agers to open up their own installment accounts. The National Retail Merchants Association reports that stores have found the youngsters are just as good credit risks as adults.

The teen-age credit plans got a big push last year when Sears Roebuck started "Young Adult" charge accounts in 18 branches around the country. In recent years Sears, has become one of the leading forces influencing people to buy on credit, not only big items but even smaller purchases like clothing, at finance charges of 18-22 per cent a year. Now the giant chain is encouraging teen-agers into the same habit.

Other stores are joining the drive to start children in the installment habit right from the beginning of their earning and spending careers. Such "teen" credit plans already are in operation or under consideration by one or more department stores in nearly every major city.

The teen-age market is a lush one for merchants. These kids have been brought up in a prosperous era. They're free spenders.

The Wall Street Journal reports that in 1960 teen-agers are expected to spend close to ten billion dollars to buy everything from cashmere sweaters to Elvis Presley records. That's over $500 for each of the nation's 19,000,000 teen-agers.

But the stores have another angle besides the immediate pickings. They're looking to the future. One retailer observed: "Today's teen-agers are tomorrow's housewives and family heads."

Another retailer quoted by the Wall Street Journal said: "We're in a credit economy now, and the sooner these kids know how to handle credit, the better off they'll be."

THAT'S JUST what's worrying consumer organizations and savings bankers.

They think younsters ought to be taught to manage their money, not to buy things they don't have money to pay for.

The spread of the teen-age credit plans is "something like teaching the young to use narcotics," charges one of the country's leading bankers. President Karl B. Schwulst of New York Bowery Savings Bank.

The truth is retailers are not teaching the kids the true facts about installment buying at all, especially the true interest cost they pay on so-called revolving charge account plans.

Teen-agers really should know that when they pay a carrying charge of 1½ per cent a month on a "revolving charge" or "budget account," they pay true per-annum interest of 18 per cent a year.

Not only are retailers encouraging kids to get the credit habit by offering teen-age accounts, but they also get "teaching" materials into the public schools.

One such pamphlet provided for schools by the Retailers Credit Bureau of New York in cooperation with The National Foundation for Consumer Credit, tells the teachers and kids such things as:

"Credit is one of the dynamos of our economy...Consumer credit helps the individual to purchase goods or services which satisfy human needs...It helps many people buy goods and services on pay-as-you use plans and use current income for immediate necessities." But the booklet doesn't tell students the true cost of the credit.

SEVERAL THOUSAND high schools throughout the country use booklets distributed free by the Commercial Credit Company of Baltimore, Md., which tell students that the installment system "enables the great mass of families to raise their standard of living."

The fact is, you yourself will be able to buy more goods in the long run by budgeting ahead for big purchases, paying as much cash as possible, and saving the finance charges of 12-24 per cent.

Your teen-ager will be able to buy 18 per cent more cashmere sweaters if she buys for cash and avoids the credit charge on a teen-age account.

The pamphlets also tell the high school kids that "rates charged for financing installment purchases are generally regarded as reasonable." They defend the finance charges of dealers and finance companies and depreciate the use of bank loans for buying cars.

The fact is finance companies charge true rates of 12-24 per cent to finance new and late model cars and appliances and even more for older used cars. In comparison, banks and credit unions charge true rates of 8-12 per cent on loans which you can use for these purposes.

New can

An aluminum can that needs no can opener is being tested with frozen orange juice being sold in New England states, according to the Retail Clerks Advocate.

To open it, you pull a tab with a finger loop on it.

Maybe the can opener will become obsolete.

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For 1st class mailing add 10¢ for each pattern. Print name, address with zone, style no. and size.

Legal way to get rid of money

This consumer problem is a little off the beaten track.

It concerns a ruling by Atty. Gen. Stanley Mosk that Pic-Six pools may be authorized as a form of horse race betting by the California Horse Racing Board if the board rules that they can be completely mechanically operated.

Attached to the news release, without comment is the following legal citation:

"Matteon v. Hollywood Turf Club, 101 Cal. App. 2nd, 215-219, where Justice Shinn, 4th District Court of Appeals, stated for the Court: 'The parimutuel system of betting on horse races...is quite generally understood in California.... Whether it is a game of skill, as some believe, or of chance, as many have learned, it provides a legal method of getting rid of one's money.'"

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Sale shopping requires thought

Do I need it? Do I want it?

These are questions to ask yourself before you go bargain hunting when a sale is advertised. A bargain isn't a bargain unless it meets a real demand.

Successful shopping begins at home—by making a detailed list of shopping needs. This list should include sizes and color preferences of garments when shopping for various members of the family. With a specific list to follow, it's easier to develop resistance to impulse buying, which often results in purchase of articles you neither want nor need.

Planning ahead is important, if you want to take full advantage of sales that will give substantial markdowns. For example, a good time to replenish the stock of sheets and towels is in August and January during annual white sales, when regular stock is reduced in price. Other annual sales offer worthwhile price markdowns in furniture, housewares and other departments.

Clearance sales of clothing at the end of a season generally offer the largest savings.

Whatever type of sale you are shopping—special purchase sales, where standards may or may not be good; dollar days, storewide anniversary sales—read the labels on merchandise before buying. Brand names can be a helpful guide when you are familiar with them. Labels on clothing give information on fiber content and care.

Avoid rush hours when you go shopping, if possible. You'll make better choices if you are not tired or hurried.—**Farmers' Union Herald.**

Get itemized list of credit costs

Although families of deceased debtors were paid $118,000,000 in credit life insurance in the past year, a study released today by the Better Business Bureau indicates nearly 60 per cent of those buying automobiles on the monthly payment plan never knew they had such coverage.

Nonetheless, they were paying for it.

"Non-disclosure of such protection is a serious problem throughout the nation," B. Charles Wansley, president of the Better Business Bureau said. "Furthermore, some charges for credit life premiums are unjustifiably high in themselves."

The Better Business Bureau urges car buyers be given specific and separate information in writing as to the cost of credit life insurance, if included in the deal.

Open to question

"If that woman yawned once, she yawned ten times," the unionist's wife said after her visitor had left.

"I don't think she was yawning," replied the unionists. "She was just trying to say something."

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To the Ladies: FROM the EDITOR

BRAINWASHING, or advertising, as it is more commonly called, makes us do strange things with our hard-earned money.

Those who swallow the myth about advertising being the backbone of the American standard of living may bristle at hearing it called brainwashing. But that's what it is—constant repetition of a mixture of truths, half-truths and non-truths.

If you don't believe that a lot of advertising is false or in the shady zone between truth and fiction, take a look at these cases reported in nationwide union publications:

"NEW LIGHT SPRY" advertised "226 fewer calories per cup than any other shortening." According to the U. S. Food and Drug Administration, Lever Bros. has "whipped out" calories by "whipping in" nitrogen gas. The one pound size can actually contains only 14 oz. of shortening.

Lever Bros., which also manufactures Pepsodent tooth paste, demonstrated "where the yellow went" by brushing off "yellow smoke stain on enamel like the hard surface of your teeth." The Federal Trade Commission said action on the teeth within the mouth was entirely different from cold hard-surfaced enamel.

ALCOA wrap said its aluminum foil was "super strength," indicating that foods protected with it would emerge fresher than those wrapped in other aluminum foils. The FTC said the claims were false.

Colgate-Palmolive Co. shaved "sandpaper" on TV, but it wasn't really sandpaper at all.

Standard Brands showed what were supposed to be "flavor gems" in its TV ads. They were really drops of a chemical added just for the commercial. The FTC told it to stop.

LET'S TURN to the local scene with some examples of "Badvertising" from the Alameda and Contra Costa County Better Business Bureau:

A department store made a comparative price "value" claim that a pair of Japanese opera glasses were selling elsewhere at $4.95. The bureau asked it reduce this figure to $1.88, the actual price at which comparable glasses were selling.

A new car dealer advertised so-called executive cars at "under dealers cost." The Better Business Bureau suggested he should use the more accurate term: "under dealer's usual cost," and tell the public that the vehicles were used.

A JEWELRY STORE featured "Westinghouse" in an advertised offer involving a coffe maker. The bureau said the only part of the appliance made by Westinghouse was the thermostat.

BOOST THE LABEL!

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When making purchases, always ask for the union label. If building a home or repairing one, see that the men doing the plumbing or steamfitting work, painting, etc., belong to the union. Ask to see their Card. Boost the union emblem and help yourself. Patronize and demand the following union cards:





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CLC gets votings analysis on wage bill by AFLCIO

Both Congressmen Jeffery Cohelan and George P. Miller voted with organized labor, according to an analysis of votes on the Kennedy-Morse and Roosevelt minimum wage bills received by the Central Labor Council from the AFLCIO.

So did Senator Clair Engle.

The Roosevelt bill in the House, as reported by the House Labor Committee, proposed extension of the Fair Labor Standards Act to 3.5 million additional retail, service, laundry, transit, telephone and other wage earners and an increase in the minimum wage to $1.25 per hour.

A substitute bill by Congressmen Kitchin (Democrat-North Carolina) and Ayres (Republican-Ohio) passed, despite opposition of the AFLCIO. Cohelan and Miller voted against this bill.

The Kitchin-Ayres bill provided for a $1 minimum wage, but no maximum hours coverage for only 1.4 million employees of chains having at least five retail outlets operating in at least two states and raised the minimum wage for presently covered workers to $1.15.

In the Senate, the Kennedy-Morse bill, as reported by the Senate Labor Committee, proposed extension of coverage to five million additional retail, hotel, restaurant, transit, telephone and other wage earners, and an increase in the minimum wage to $1.25 per hour.

There were six amendments proposed to the Senate bill. All except one were rejected. Key votes came on amendments to nullify or weaken the committee bill.

The AFLCIO says Senator Engle voted correctly on all six amendments, while Senator Kuchel voted correctly on four and incorrectly on two, from labor's standpoint.

The bill passed by the House was "deplorably inadequate," the AFLCIO said, whereas the Senate passed a strong measure.

Unfortunately, the House conferees, dominated by Dixiecrats and Republicans, refused to make any realistic compromise with the Senate bill.

The Senate conferees, with the support of the AFLCIO, decided that, if the House bill were adopted, action on meaningful minimum wage legislation would be foreclosed for four or more years.

Therefore, they refused to accept the House measure and placed their hopes on passing an acceptable bill next year.

Leader for Prop. 18 is Sherman campaign head

Gardiner Johnson who is campaign chairman for Lewis Sherman, Republican candidate in the Seventh Congressional District, was a leader in the unsuccessful attempt of anti-labor forces to pass Proposition 18 two years ago.

Johnson was Northern California chairman of the Lawyers' Committee for Proposition 18 in 1958.

Sherman is the man for whom the Republicans are waging a no-holds-barred $30,000 campaign in an attempt to unseat incumbent Democratic Congressman Jeffery Cohelan.

Why not pass this copy of the East Bay Labor Journal to a friend of yours when your are finished reading it!

Printing Specialties 382 strikes at Dow Chemical subsidiary in Berkeley

About 185 members of Printing Specialties and Paper Products 382 went on strike against The Dobeckmun Co., a division of Dow Chemical Co., 1700 5th St., Berkeley, last Wednesday, Oct. 5.

Fredrick T. Sullivan, secretary-treasurer of Printing Specialties and Products Joint District Council 5, said the union seeks a decent wage raise and improvements in vacation and machine manning clauses of its contract with the company.

After about six meetings, Sullivan said, the company offered raise ranging from 1½ to 6 cents an hour but no changes in the vacation and manning provisions.

The strike was called by the union negotiating committee, which had been given full power to act if necessary, after the unacceptable offer was received. No further meetings were scheduled.

Sullivan said other locals in JDC 5 were being asked to provide financial and moral support.

Council steps up unification policy

There are 13 cities in Alameda County, 57 school districts, 32 fire districts, 12 flood districts, six sanitary districts and a number of other local government entities.

In 1957, the Central Labor Council adopted a policy of working toward unification of these diverse, and often expensive, political subdivisions.

But the council opposed piecemeal unification. It would support only unification on a regional basis.

This month, the council changed its policy to permit endorsement of small unification moves—even if they do not involve an entire area or region.

As approved by delegates, the revised policy permits officers of the council to support piecemeal annexations if they appear to lead toward over-all unification.

An amendment by Delegate Joe Chaudet made support of unification moves by CLC officers subject to approval of the entire council.

The CLC also endorsed a joint Hayward-San Leandro junior college district. The same night, the Hayward High School District agreed to go along with the San Leandro district in the junior college project. The resolution calling for both districts to take part was introduced by San Leandro Teachers 1285.

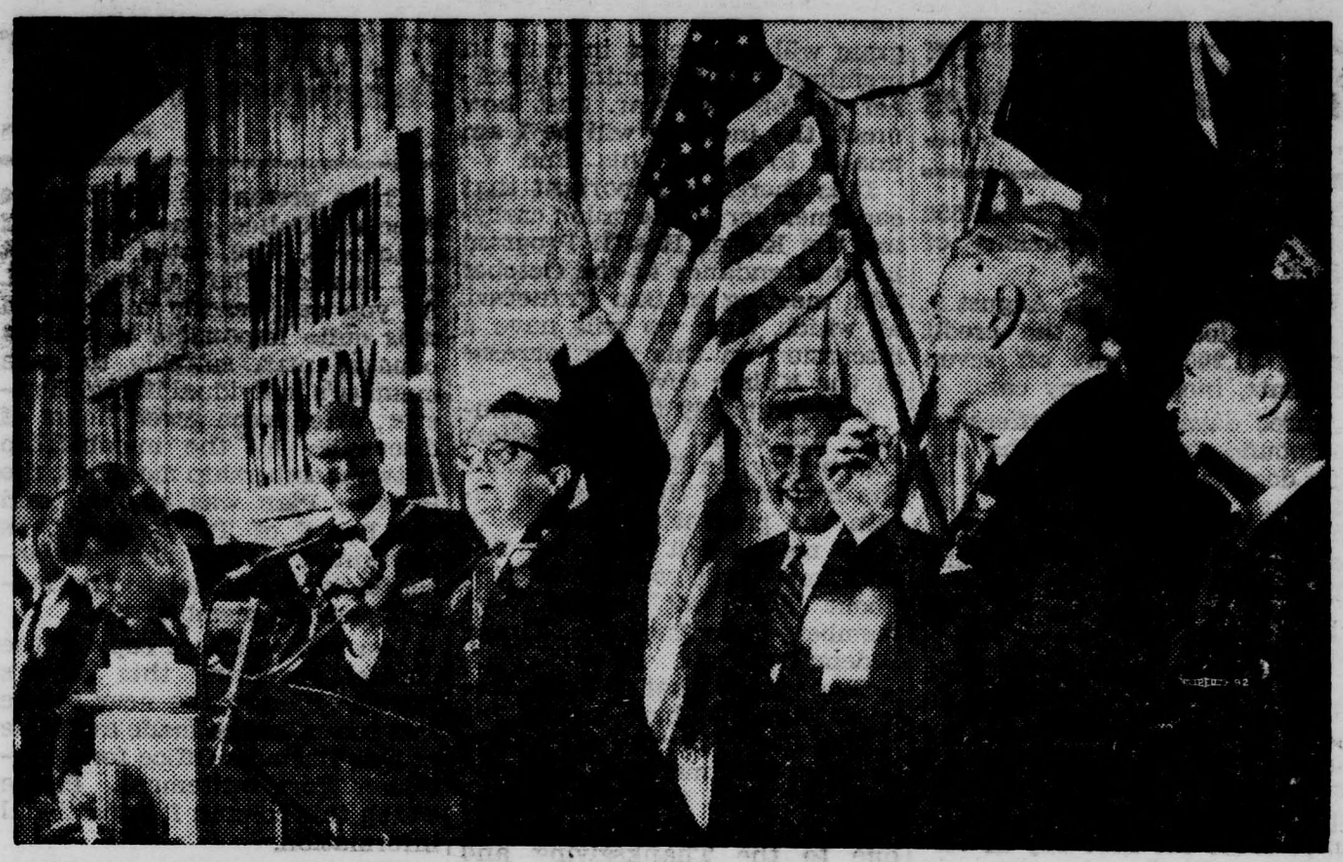
Jobs coming up for building trades

While building tradesmen felt mixed emotions about their stand for principle (and against jobs) on Governor Brown's $1.75 billion water program, the PG&E came up with some good news.

Northern California's favorite public utility announced preliminary work would start this fall on a $340 million construction job.

This is the California link of the 1,400 mile Alberta-California natural gas pipeline system, one of the biggest pipeline jobs ever undertaken.

PG&E will build the 300-mile California section. It said it would call for bids immediately and break ground this fall. Actual pipe laying, however, won't start until spring.



SENATOR JOHN F. KENNEDY leans over to shake hands during an ovation for him at the Chemical Workers convention in Atlantic City. Others shown from left, include Rep. James Roosevelt, Democrat-California; President Walter L. Mitchell of the Chemical Workers, New Jersey Governor Robert B. Meyner, President David J. McDonald of the Steelworkers and Vice President Thomas E. Boyle of the Chemical Workers.

Beirne on KPIX

President Joseph A. Beirne of the AFLCIO Communications Workers of America will be seen on television station KPIX, Channel 5, after the football game Saturday at about 1:15 p.m. in a pre-election talk, according to Cal Lord, president of CWA Local 9415.

13th A.D. COPE

State Sen. John Holmdahl will be the guest speaker at the meeting of the 13th Assembly District Committee on Political Education (COPE) at 8 p.m. Sept. 26 in the Hayward Culinary Hall. Final plans for getting out the vote will be made.

Lumber handlers

Childers reported on a conference with Teamsters 70 to resolve a problem involving Teamsters and Clerks and Lumber Handlers at lumber yards. Childers said a future meeting is planned concerning picket line policy between the BTC and Teamsters.



Forecast: SHOWERS TODAY AND EVERY DAY!

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Carpenters Credit Union

By PAUL HUDGINS, Treasurer

Stanley Makanski of Local 550 sent us a letter, portions of which follow:

"Dear Brothers: On August 9, I got a loan from the credit union, $1,200 to pay off seven accounts, including my car.

Three days later I suffered a compound fracture of the leg. The doctors say I will be laid up at least six months. My first thought was the finance companies would be re-possessing my car and new vacuum cleaner —other creditors would be hounding my wife.

Then I remembered we paid them all off with a credit union loan. My loan was covered by disability insurance which our credit union carries on all borrowers. All my payments will be made from the first day in disability until I can return to work.

Believe me, that was a big relief, I even think I will get well faster for not having to worry about debts. The credit union interest is much lower than we were paying the banks and finance companies, too.

Then there is my estate loan, too. I had borrowed $1,000 to put into shares. By making my payments on that loan the insurance is actually building up my share account.

Maybe a member has to get hurt or have some kind of emergency before he can understand how wonderful a credit union is. My wife and I really know, now. I will tell every union member I can about it and let them know they should join while they are well and able to work, so they will be in when they need it."

We pass Stanley's thanks and appreciation on to those members who have invested savings in this credit union and made these loans possible. Stanley is one of four on whom we currently are collecting disability payments from CUNA Mutual Insurance.

Watchmakers Local 101

By GEORGE F. ALLEN

Last week we informed you with regard to the increase in wages due on October 15th for the members working in the San Francisco-Oakland area. We also mentioned that the increase would create a small increase in dues for the month of November.

We now have another bit of information for those members who carry the Kaiser Health Insurance Program. You may or may not know there was another increase in the Kaiser premiums effective June of this year and there is no doubt that our program will receive an increase in premium costs beginning December 1st of this year. Just how much the increase will be I am unable to say at this time.

It is therefore important that each member of the union carrying the Kaiser Health Program be in attendance at the October 27th meeting in San Francisco, at which time we will have a discussion on this new increase in the Kaiser coverage.

I can only say that the members will either have to adjust the coverage in Kaiser or assume the increase if they wish to retain the present coverage.

Let me make it clear that this additional cost we are talking about does not affect those members carrying the Group Indemnity Plan.

The reason that I would request all members using the Kaiser Health Service attend the October 27th meeting is due to the fact that this will be the last regular meeting for this year due to the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays the following two months.

I hope to have more information on this matter next week inasmuch as I am meeting with a representative of the Kaiser Service Plan with regard to a new agreement to become effective December 1st.

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING. Executive Board please take notice that there will be a board meeting on Thursday, October 20, at the Union office, 7:00 p.m.

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By FREDRICK T. SULLIVAN

Our people who are employed by the Dobeckum Co. in Berkeley have struck. After many fruitless meetings with management they received an offer which the negotiating committee felt was substandard for our area in these times. The members shut down the plant in an orderly manner in the middle of the swing shift on Wednesday night, October 5th. We have established round the clock picket lines and call on our brother and sister members to help man the line and contribute for a just cause. We have 185 members involved in this fight. They are sticking together like glue and are determined to win a just raise in pay and working conditions in the plant. The negotiating committee is composed of Eubie Flowers, John Conners, Marge McDowell and Jim Sterrett. John Ferro is doing a good job in these negotiations and in the handlinge of the strike details.

We have much information from our recent international convention but, due to the serious situation confronting our members at Dobeckmun, we move everything to the background.

You should give serious thought to Proposition No. 15 on the ballot. Vote "NO" on this one, for if this scheme goes through, we in this area can kiss a lot of our friends in the state capital goodbye.

Look for the union shop card, ask for a union clerk to serve you, and demand the union label!

Steamfitters Local 342

By JIM MARTIN

Those present at this Union's Special Called meeting held October 6, 1960, voted to accept the Pension Plan as submitted. As you can readily understand it is quite impossible to draft a pension plan suitable to each member's individual liking. However, after some seven hours of discussion by the membership at two membership meetings, the Pension Plan was adopted and the Board of Trustees will, as warranted, make changes accordingly, beneficial to the majority of the membership.

You will receive a copy of the booklet governing this Union's Pension Plan in the near future and forms will be made available at this Business Office for application for retirement. Please watch this column for additional information.

The H. C. Price Pipeline Company has the contract to lay two hundred-ninety-one miles of 36" pipe, "Natural Gas," from the Oregon border to Antioch, California. This work is within the jurisdiction of Local Union 342 and is covered under the National Pipeline Agreement.

This company will double joint part of the line at Burney, California, located near Redding, California, and this operation will start in approximately two to three weeks with the line due to start the latter part of November on a one spread operation. There will be approximately forty men on the project with the company bringing in key personnel. The hiring will be in accordance with the National Agreement. The job will start on a six-day, eight-hour basis, time and one-half after forty hours and double time for overtime, wage rate for journeymen $4.40, Foremen, .75¢ per hour above journeymen, Steward, Hot Pass Men .50¢ per hour above journeymen, Apprentices, .15¢ per hour above established labor hourly rate.

Our next membership meeting to be held October 20, 1960 will be open for Registration for officers of this Local Union. This year's election will be held on Sunday, December 11, 1960.

Sheet Metal Snips

By AL ARELLANO

During World War II, men and women from all walks of life turned toward the defense industries to lend their hands to the productive task of supplying the men on the front lines with the necessary tools to fight a winning war.

Some of these men returned to the work they were more familiar with, others, who had spent many a night at training schools, kept on with a work that they had learned to love. Such a man was Brother John E. Baeck, who passed away on October 2, 1960. We are in receipt of a letter from Mrs. Baeck, and the following paragraphs are quoted from her letter.

"In 1915 he wrote to his future wife: 'I think you should understand that in the words of the Swedish poet:

"On Nova Zembla's peaks,
in vales of parched Ceylon
The man of hapless lot is
as my friend and brother.

" 'I find the real meaning for my life and I will never change.' "

In the death of John Erik Baeck, Sheet Metal Worker, Local 216, which occurred on Sunday, October 2, 1960, union labor has lost one of its sincerest supporters. It is now forty years since he, as a teamster for Wells Fargo—paid ninety dollars a month in gold coin—was instrumental in organizing union effort for better conditions, and he felt it an honor to be chosen to present the resolutions drawn up to President Casey for acceptance. For this, he became persona non grata as an employee by the company. He was later active in working toward more stable conditions in the cleaning business with Mr. Alameida.

His patience and good will toward the untrained helper was limitless. He particularly delighted in the many different racial groups that thronged to the yards. His foreman, a Mexican Indian, became his good friend; an Eskimo who was very able, was encouraged to tell the story of his promotion. Colored people called forth his especial sympathy, even though they were not usually much interested in the work itself.

He came to believe that only in union labor was it possible for a workman to attain dignity and the rewards of his labor, although his youth up to the age of twenty was spent in the country district of the Kopparberg in Sweden, far from the influences of socialism at that time. A picket line was sacred to him.

He was on the payroll of Todd's at the time of his death at 72, three months after the onset of his final illness. He is survived by his wife, a son and two daughters, a niece, whom he brought to America upon her mother's last illness; a brother, Captain A. K. Baeck of Stockholm, Sweden, and two grandchildren.

We welcome men who are union-minded into the ranks of our union organizations at all times. We will miss Mr. Baeck's presence, and we close with sincere sympathy for his wife and family.

Chips and Chatter

By AL THOMAN

The list this morning is under a hundred, but was up to 165 last week. A lot of deer hunters, I guess, there have not been that many jobs.

Any of you brothers who have 1959 vacation money due had better begin to think about applying for same. The time grows short and one of these years that Vacation Fund Board is going to apply the rules as written.

Local 36 now has over 125 members who are drawing the local pension. This is as many as any one local in the area, I believe. For most of them, it has been a real help to get a few extra dollars.

Local 36 members still average over fifteen thousand dollars per month in hospital and medical benefits for their families and themselves, according to reports from the fund office. About 8 dollars out of 10 goes to kids and women folks.

Painters Local No. 127

By MARVIN EDWARDS

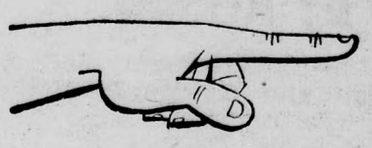
We are going to have a whing ding of a party Saturday, November 12! All fun; no speeches.

Tickets for Local 127's Anniversary Dinner Dance are available now in the office or from members of the entertainment committee. Also, I will carry some with me for those on the job. The ticket will entitle you to the finest evening of dinner, dancing and entertainment west of the Rockies, so I'm told.

The membership issued an ultimatum: no speeches, not too formal, lots of fun and good food, and a good dance orchestra. That's what they are getting this year. So let's see you guys giving your wife a chance to wear that new dress she's been saving by suggesting that you get up a party and show up on top of the Labor Temple in the Ballroom.

Further details next week.

Go Man, Go!



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Hayward Painters 1178

By WILEY H. MOUNTJOY

Tight money, weather and other more personal reasons have brought many into the office lately to register as being available for work, such as:

Art Kennedy and Jesse Matthews, who were vigorously discussing politics, TV and the strange doings of prairie dogs and ant colonies. The conversation presented an interesting contrast between a clipped British accent and Texas drawl.

And Lloyd Green and Carl Hedin were also contributing worthwhile comments to this forum.

The trio, Jim Gilbreath, Daryl Sullivan and, at this writing, bright eyed and bushy-tailed Al (Smirnoff) Johnson, reporting in on time.

And Carl Waage with fishing partner, O. Danner, checked in —both looking good and giving the secretary nothing but lip.

Also Johnny Ornellas and Tony Vargas came in to say "Howdy" and sign in.

Rod Riffee and Doc Warren dropped in for a while.

There was an effort to organize a concert with Roy Van Langingham and his guitar and Morris Gould with the clacking spoons, but Bro. Morris did not show.

Well, we can't win 'em all.

Incumbents ousted by C.C. Co. Laborers 324

Four business agents chosen in a disputed election in June were defeated in an election of Contra Costa County Laborers 324 last Friday.

They were: Herb Shoup, Sal Minerve, C. C. Cowell and Thad Baker.

Victors were Cleophus Brown, acting president; Art Hommond, M. T. Thomas and Lofton Fowler. Brown will be business agent. The others will be assistant business agents.

Brown's group appealed the June election to the international union.

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OFFICIAL UNION NOTICES

AUTOMOTIVE MACHINISTS 1546

This is to notify you that there will be nominations for officers, business representatives, delegates to conferences and standing committees on November 1, 1960—the first meeting of November.

There will also be a special order of business called for both regular meetings in November for the purpose of voting on the Grand Lodge Convention referendum for the acceptance or rejection of amendments to the Grand Lodge Constitution.

Fraternally yours,
A. J. HAYES,
Recording Secretary

PLUMBERS & GAS FITTERS 444

The next meeting of Plumbers and Gas Fitters Local Union No. 444 will be a special called one to be held on Wednesday, October 26, 1960, in Hall A on the first floor of the Labor Temple Building, 2315 Valdez Street, Oakland, California at 8 p.m.

1. Regular order of business.
2. Second reading of resolution regarding election of officers and delegates to conventions for 1961.
3. Initiation of candidates.
4. A further discussion pertaining to a new labor agreement for 1961-1962.
5. First nomination of officers, trustees and delegates to conventions for the year of 1961.
6. There is no doubt in my mind that you will want to participate in the forthcoming election on December 14, 1960, and vote for your favorite candidates either for officers, trustees or delegates, so please keep your dues in this local union current.

It is of utmost importance for you to attend your union meetings and participate in the union's affairs.

Fraternally,
BEN H. BEYNON.
Bus. Mgr. & Fin. Sec.-Treas.

AUTO & SHIP PAINTERS 1176

The next regular meeting will be held Oct. 18 in Hall D of the Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez St., at 8 p.m.

Fraternally yours,
LESLIE K. MOORE,
Business Representative

HAYWARD CARPENTERS 1622

Unless otherwise specified, regular meetings will be held every Friday at 8 p.m. at the Labor Temple, 1050 Mattox Road, Hayward, California.

Don't forget that the $1 assessment to replenish the blood bank fund was due and payable on Oct. 1, 1960.

The monthly stag social will be held at the regular meeting on Friday, Oct. 28, 1960.

Fraternally yours,
MARIUS WALDAL,
Recording Secretary

UNITED STEELWORKERS 4468

Regular meetings held 2nd Saturday of each month at 10:00 a.m. at Eagles Hall, 1228 - 36th Avenue, Oakland.

Fraternally,
FRANK V. McINTOSH,
Recording Secretary

STEEL MACHINISTS 1304

Next regular meeting Thursday, Oct. 20, at 8 p.m. Executive Board meets 6:30 p.m. Stewards Council meeting Saturday, Oct. 22, at 10:30 a.m.

Fraternally yours,
JOHN L. GIFFIN,
Recording Secretary

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PAINTERS LOCAL 127

The next meeting of the local will be Thursday, Oct. 13, 1960. This is a regular meeting. Many important matters come up at all meetings. Why don't some of you members who are strangers to the local come down and see and hear what's going on?

Big News:

The entertainment committee has finally put the anniversary dance together. It will be held Saturday, Nov. 12, 1960. Place: Blackie Miller's Hall in the Labor Temple. The committee has planned a big evening for all—food, drinks, entertainment and dancing 'til when. Also, the older members with 25 and 50 years' service in the local and in the painting industry will be given pins for their services. The local wants to congratulate these members. The price for the evening will be $3 a couple. The committee hopes to see a large turnout for this big affair.

SPECIAL NOTE:

Be sure and vote Tuesday, Nov. 8, 1960. Why? Because this is one of the most important elections in the past decade. So let's get out and use our right and vote for the man and issues that affect each and all of us. The right to vote is only one of the many good things that an American has; so let's vote.

I hope that all members that read this notice come to the local's dance, but also be sure and get out and vote, also get someone else to do the same.

Fraternally yours,
ED. GULBRANSEN,
Recording Secretary

HAYWARD CULINARY 823

All three meetings of this union will be held on the third Tuesday of the month, the first at 9:30 a.m. the second at 2:30 p.m., and the third at 8:00 p.m. at the union headquarters.

Nomination for elected officers of this union will be held at the three meetings on October 18, 1960, at 9:30 a.m., 2:30 p.m. and 8 p.m. The offices open for nomination are: president, vice-president, secretary-treasurer, two business representatives, six mombers of the executive board, three trustees, four delegates and two alternate delegates to the International Convention.

Election of officers will be held on Tuesday, November 8, 1960. Polls will be open from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., at the union headquarters at 696 B Street, Hayward.

This notice is published in compliance with the local by-laws and applicable state and federal laws.

JOSEPH MEDEIROS,
President
LEROY V. WOODS,
Secretary-Treasurer

CARPENTERS 36

Unless otherwise specified regular meetings will be held each Friday at 8 p.m. at Carpenters Hall, 761 12th Street, Oakland, Calif.

You have all received a copy of the brochure regarding the Sears Roebuck stores and as a consequence of this you are asked to not shop at any of these Sears Roebuck stores.

The Stewards will meet Thursday at 8 p.m., October 20, 1960.

The Educational Committee will meet Wednesday at 8 p.m., October 26, 1960, at Carpenters Hall, 761 12th Street, Oakland, Calif.

Be sure and vote on Election Day, Tuesday, November 8, 1960,

Fraternally yours,
J. F. HIGHTOWER,
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HAYWARD PAINTERS 1178

We have a date for a regular meeting coming up October 21. It will no doubt be a sizzler, as the last several ones have been. The attendance was off some at the last meeting; however, it was not too bad.

Are you, your family and neighbors all set for the coming election of a president for the U. S.? Let's combine ours and our neighbors' efforts to get to the polls and mark our ballots for the candidate of our choice.

Again, Bro. Ben Rasnick was a visitor at the meeting of Oct. 7 and gave us some valuable information regarding the retirement fund. Thanks Ben; come again.

Fraternally yours,
ROBERT G. MILLER,
Recording Secretary

STEAMFITTERS LOCAL 342

General Election Day is Tuesday, November 8, 1960.

First day to apply for absentee ballot: October 19, 1960.

Last day to apply for Absentee Ballot: November 3, 1960.

Please comply with the above and remember to vote on Tuesday, November 8, 1960.

Fraternally,
JAMES MARTIN,
Fin. Sec'y. Bus. Mgr.

S. F.-OAKLAND MAILERS 18

The next regular meeting of San Francisco-Oakland Mailers' Union, No. 18, will be held at California Hall, 625 Polk St, San Francisco, Calif. on Sunday afternoon, October 16, 1960 at one o'clock.

Fraternally,
HORACE W. STAFFORD,
Secretary

CO. SCHOOL EMPLOYEES 257

The next regular meeting will be held November 5, 1960, at 1918 Grove St., Oakland, at 2 p.m.

The executive board will meet at 10:30 a.m.

Fraternally,
VICTOR BARTELS,
Secretary

Typographical Auxiliary

By DOROTHY SPORKIN

We were happy to have such a good turnout for the meeting at Neta Rankin's on October 6. Neta served a delicious apple pudding, as well as some of the scrumptious shortbread cookies for which she is famous.

Special guests were Congressman George P. Miller and his administrative assistant, Mr. John Kehoe. Mr. Miller gave a very informative talk and was generous with his time for a question and answer period.

Because of the length of the meeting, some of the members missed hearing President Sullivan's report on the I.T.U. convention. We shall schedule a repeat of her report in the near future.

The membership luncheon will be on October 18 at 11:30 a.m. at Myrtle Moore's home, 1345 Parker Street, San Leandro. Please try to bring a prospective member or two or three, but bring yourself at least. Cost will be $1 and will be well worth it. It would be a courtesy to the hostess to make reservations—call LOckhaven 9-3126.

Be sure to vote November 8 and be sure to vote for candidates who are favorable to labor.

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CLC empowers Office Workers 29 to act against United Crusade

The Central Labor Council executive committee empowered Office Workers 29 to withdraw the labor council's support of the United Crusade drive last Friday unless the dispute at the Jewish Welfare Federation is settled.

Local 29 decided to wait until a meeting between officials of the Crusade and the welfare federation Tuesday. This was to be followed by a session of the welfare federation's executive board Tuesday night.

Ann Hollingsworth, business representative, accepted an offer of the Board of Rabbis to help settle the dispute, but was awaiting similar acceptance from federation negotiators.

The United Crusade, under the CLC action, could keep labor support by withdrawing funds from the welfare federation.

Childers pushes fight against housing wage cut

Building Trades Council efforts to stop a threatened wage cut for laborers and gardeners of the Oakland Housing Authority continued this week.

J. L. Childers, business representative, said a survey last March by T. M. Gillin, labor relations officer for the U. S. Public Housing Administration in San Francisco, recommended cutting the pay of laborers from $2.68½ an hour to $2.47.

Gardeners, who now make $2.86½, would be cut to $2.07. No fringe benefits would be given.

Childers said that a BTC survey shows prevailing wages justify $3.04½ plus 10 cents an hour in health and welfare plan contributions for both groups. He has taken the matter up with the PHA.

15 new members join IUE at G.E. plants

The nationwide strike by the International Union of Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers (AFLCIO) continued against General Electric Co., including its Oakland lamp plant and wire and cable plants this week.

Ed Brown, IUE District 8 secretary, said the union is strengthening its position in Oakland. Brown said 15 G.E. workers have joined the union at the two plants since the strike started two weeks ago.

Plant managers are continuing their propaganda barrage, trying to get workers to cross picket lines, Brown said, but morale was good at a joint meeting of the two locals last Sunday.

AFLCIO-Teamo issue in election of Bakers 125

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meeting to members of Local 125 did not mention the Teamsters by name. It merely cited the disaffiliation issues.

A group of local AFLCIO officials went to the building where the meeting was being held. But they were not invited inside the meeting hall to explain their position.

AFLCIO OFFICIALS

They included: Dan Flanagan, AFLCIO regional director; Gene De Christofaro, AFLCIO organizer; Richard K. Groulx, assistant secretary of the Central Labor Council and Archie Goodman, international representative of the American Bakery & Confectionery Workers Union (AFLCIO).

At Saturday's meeting, Simpson indicated he favored Teamster affiliation because he said this would give Local 125 more bargaining strength that it has in its present affiliation with Jim Cross' BCW.

Simpson also pointed out that the Teamsters had been friendly to Local 125 in the past.

An article in "Bakers Weekly," a management trade publication, for Sept. 5, says Teamster President James R. Hoffa plans to disclose plans for an alliance with the BCW whenever a Teamster convention is held.

The article, by Arthur T. Joyce, director of the publication's Washington bureau, says:

"It is Hoffa's intention, once he is freed of the shackles of monitorship, to launch a drive to acquire affiliates discarded or rejected by the AFLCIO, and at the head of the list is James G. Cross' Bakery and Confectionery Workers' International Union. Other unions will be invited to join the family of Teamster affiliates . . . .

"Teamster sources do not attempt to minimize the possibility that the struggles with the AFLCIO in the bakery field will be formidable, but they point out certain advantages the Teamsters have, such as the fact that most driver salesmen are members of IBT and cooperate nationally through their National Conference of Bakery Drivers."

Engineers on bonds

Operating Engineers Local 3 again presented their resolution on behalf of Governor Brown's $1.75 billion water bond issue at the Oct. 4 Building Trades Council board of business representatives meeting.

The board voted to table the resolution.

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Pitts named state labor chairman for Kennedy-Johnson

Thomas L. Pitts, secretary-treasurer of the California Labor Federation, has been named state chairman of the Labor Committee for the Kennedy-Johnson ticket.

Robert S. Ash, secretary of the Alameda County Central Labor Council, and W. J. Bassett, secretary of the Los Angeles Federation of Labor, are co-chairmen. Both are vice-presidents of the CLF.

Pitts expressed confidence that California will "lead the way in a mounting campaign that will sweep Kennedy into the White House."

"There's no doubt in my mind after witnessing the historic debate between Kennedy and Nixon on TV," Pitts said.

"I feel certain," he added, "that every American who viewed that telecast is beginning to understand why labor and other progressive forces in this nation are looking to Kennedy for the leadership that has been so sadly lacking in the present Administration."

On the issues, according to Pitts, "Nixon clearly associated himself with the big-business-banker-oriented policies and programs of the past seven years which have combined periodic recessions with ever-increasing levels of unemployment and a near-stagnant rate of economic growth."

"He confirmed evrything our State Council on Political Education said recently when we endorsed Kennedy," Pitts asserted.

Cruikshank reports on Social Security changes

The AFLCIO will continue working for Forand-type legislation to provide health insurance for elder citizens under Social Security, according to a report received by the Central Labor Council.

Nelson H. Cruikshank, director of the AFLCIO Department of Social Security, says this year's social security amendments "afford some liberalization but fall far short of meeting the needs of workers and their families who look to the Social Security System as the mainstay of their family economic security in the event of loss of earned income through old age, disability or death."

Cruikshank points out that an adequate program to meet high medical costs was consistently opposed by the Eisenhower Administration and a coalition of northern Republicans and Southern Democrats.

Despite failure of the medical care bills, the report lists six liberalizations under Old Age, Survivors and Disability Insurance and other changes in the Social Security Act passed by Congress.

Steelworkers for Prop. 1 despite opposition of CLF

The California Legislative Education Committee of the United Steelworkers of America has endorsed Proposition 1 on the Nov. 8 ballot.

Kenneth M. Steadman of Niles Steelworkers 3367, sub-district coordinator for the committee, said the statewide group had studied pro's and con's of the $1.75 billion state water bond issue and had voted to support it.

The Steelworkers' group took its stand despite the California Labor Federation's opposition to Proposition 1.

Demand the Union Label!



RETAIL CLERKS took the Sears Roebuck boycott to the air over the heavily populated Philadelphia—Camden, N. J. area.

Forand to speak at S.F. rally; other area political news briefs

Congressman Aime J. Forand, whose propsal to build medical insurance into the Social Security System was defeated by a coalition of Republicans and Southern Democrats, will speak in San Francisco Tuesday.

Forand will address a mass meeting of senior citizens at 2 p.m. in the San Francisco Civic Auditorium.

The meeting will be sponsored by the Northern California Senior Citizens Committee for Kennedy and Johnson. Emerson O. Midyett of San Francisco is chairman.

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MILLER HONORED

Congressman George P. Miller was honored last Tuesday at a luncheon sponsored by the Western Shipbuilding Association in appreciation of his leadership in recent efforts to block House Bill 8093, aimed at elimination of the six per cent differential allowed West Coast shipyards.

Miller was one of five Congressmen who appeared before the Rules Committee in the last session of Congress on behalf of Pacific Coast interests. The Rules Committee voted the bill out but agreed to withhold action for the session.

East and Gulf Coast interests attempted to force passage of the bill. Western interests say that without the differential they could not win needed construction contracts in nationwide bidding and that employment would fall off in the shipyards, affecting the entire Pacific Coast economy.

The Western Shipbuilding Association is an organization of shipyards, suppliers, labor unions and civic groups connected with the Pacific Coast shipbuilding industry.

Louis Ets-Hokin, president, WSA, and William M. Smock, assistant business representative, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local Union No. 6, were co-chairmen of the luncheon.

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LABOR FOR PETRIS

John J. King, Grand Lodge Representative for the International Association of Machinists, who is serving in the Petris-for-Assembly campaign as labor vice-chairman, announced today that the following 15th Assembly District residents are serving on the Labor Committee for the re-election of Nick Petris:

Mrs. Elizabeth H. Mackin, Food Clerks 870; M. F. Damas, financial secretary, East Bay Automotive Machinists 1546; Jack B. Faber, president, Cooks 228; William F. Stumpf, staff representative, United Steelworkers of America; Charles Garoni, Carpet Layers 1290; Al Morris, secretary-treasurer, Musicians 6; Joe Nobriga, Boilermakers 10; Lee Lalor, international representative, Laborers Union; Jack Tobler, Auto Workers 1031; Miss Marie E. Alves, Office Employees Local 29, and William D. Drohan, international representative, International Union of Electrical Workers.

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PAGE ADDRESSES UNIONISTS

Some 200 Contra Costa unionists and community leaders had a preview of the kind of vigorous and responsible voice they will have on the floor of Congress when they elect Democrat Douglas R. Page.

Page was guest of honor at a community-wide dinner arranged in his honor by Steelworkers Local 1440 at Concord, last week.

He briefly outlined labor's economic and social legislative goals and described them as "the things we all want, the things that are necessary for the security and well-being of all of the people of our district and the nation.

"Labor has made no demands upon me except that I go to Washington and be a good congressman for all of the people," Page told an audience composed of union officers and members, small businessmen and local professional people. "Our aged need the kind of health insurance and expanded social security protection embodied in the Forand Bill; our working people need increased minimum wage laws and the protection of free collective bargaining; every member of our communities needs a federal program of planning to prevent unemployment, economic dislocation, and to halt the stagnation that inflation has already begun to create across the nation."

"In fighting for these things, I hope to fulfiill your definition of a good congressman," he said.

Why not pass this copy of the East Bay Labor Journal to a friend of yours when your are finished reading it!

Campaign briefs: Teachers against Proposition 15

The California Federation of Teachers has gone on record in opposition to Proposition 15, the State Senate reapportion measure on the November ballot.

The executive council of the Teachers, representing over 6,000 members throughout the state, heard the measure called "a distorted half-baked scheme that would wreck the orderly process of government in California."

Meeting last week in Hollywood, the Council heard arguments on both sides and voted overwhelmingly to fight the measure.

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COHELAN HOURS

A series of "meet-the-candidate" coffee hours was set up by Congressman Jeffery Cohelan, candidate for re-election from the Seventh Congressional District, it was announced by Lyle Cook and Lionel Wilson, co-chairmen of the Cohelan for Congress Committee.

The first of these informal gatherings were held Saturday.

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HILDEBRAND NAMED

Oakland Atty. Clifton Hildebrand has been named finance chairman of the Alameda County Attorneys for Kennedy Committee.

Hildebrand represents most of the railroad brotherhoods in this area and formerly represented the Building Trades Council.

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FUND EVENT

A fund raising cocktail party will be held from 6-9 p.m. Oct. 28 at Ferdinand's Hidaway Room of the Holiday Bowl, 29827 Mission Blvd., Hayward, according to John W. Pappas, special events chairman of the Kennedy for President committee in Hayward.

Dignitaries present will include Congressman George P. Miller, Assemblyman Carlos Bee and Supervisor Francis Dunn.

Tickets will be available at Kennedy headquarters, 927 B Street, Hayward, or by calling LUcerne 1-5121.

35 Alameda Co. unionists join fight against Prop. 15

Names of 35 Alameda County unionists who have joined the fight against Proposition 15 were announced recently by George W. Johns and John N. Quimby, state labor chairmen against State Senate reapportionment.

They include:

Robert S. Ash, secretary and Russ Crowell, president, Central Labor Council; J. L. Childers, business representative, Building Trades Council; Ernest Perry, president, and Ed Reith, director, Alameda County Council on Political Education.

Paul L. Jones, Laborers 304; Leslie K. Moore, Painters District Council 16; Ernest H. Vernon, Auto Mechanics 1546; Sylvan Thorton, Butchers 120; Peter J. Ceremello, Paint Makers 1101, John W. Austin, Typographical 36.

Joseph Angelo, Steelworkers' sub-regional office; John Kinnick, Office Employees 29; William Drohan, Electrical Workers 1506; Stan Lore, Shipwrights 1149; Lloyd Ferber, Steel Machinists 1304; Harris Wilkin, Food Clerks 870.

W. Douglas Geldert, Building Service Employees 18; Romildo Caruso, Auto Workers 76; Steve Revilak, Bartenders 52; Thomas Anderson, Dining Car Cooks and Waiters 456; C. L. Dellums, Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters; Vern Stambaugh, Carmens 192; Alfred Thoman, Carpenters 36; H. J. Badger, Cooks 228; Pat L. Sanders, Cooks 228.

Russel Mathiesen, Department and Specialty Stores Employees 1265; J. H. Kurt, Electrical Workers 595; John Schavenza, Machinists 1566; Mel Thompson, Machinists 284; Fred Sullivan, Printing Specialties JDC 5; Kenneth Steadman, Steelworkers 3367; Vincent McKenna, Auto Workers 560, and Arnold Callan, Auto Workers' sub-regional office.

New AFLCIO pamphlet on housing is available

An AFLCIO pamphlet, "Better Housing for a Better America," is available to all unions at three cents a copy, according to communications received by the Central Labor and Building Trades councils.

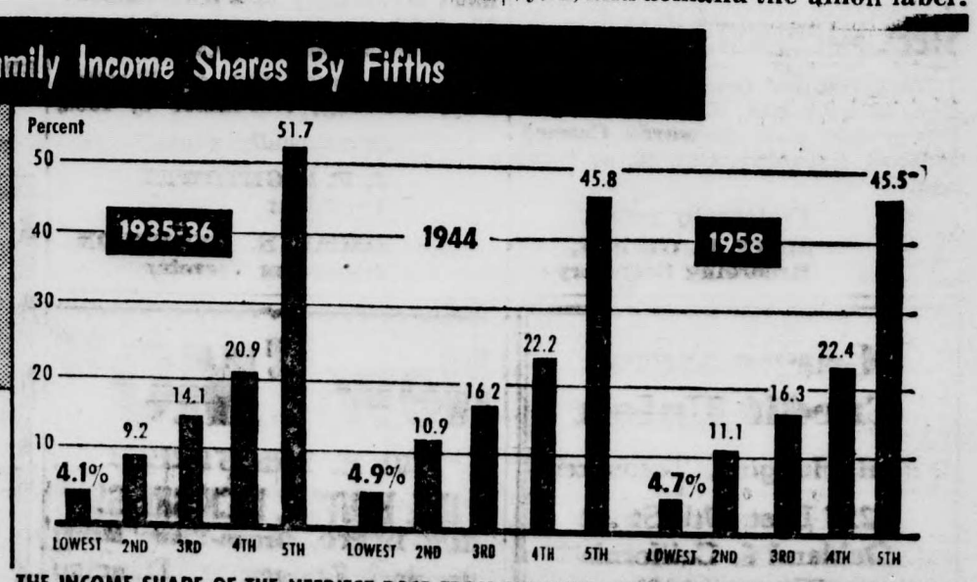
It describes the progress of federal housing legislation enacted with labor support from the public works title of the National Industrial Recovery Act of 1933 to the 1949 bipartisan Wagner-Ellender-Taft bill, which declared the national housing goal to be a "decent home in a suitable environment for every American family."

"Now, more than a decade after this declaration," the pamphlet says, however, "this goal is still tragically far from attainment. It is a tragic fact of our national life that one out of every four families is still ill-housed."

Look for the union shop card, ask for a union clerk to serve you, and demand the union label!



"The test of our progress is not whether we add more to the abundance of those who have much: it is whether we provide enough for those who have too little" F.D.R.



THE INCOME SHARE OF THE NEEDIEST ROSE FROM MID-1930's TO 1944 AND THEN WENT DOWN

Reuther speaks in Oakland; attacks Nixon 'double talk'

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contribute to the Republican Party."

In an echo of the exchange on the same topic during last week's Kennedy-Nixon debate, Reuther said he has first hand knowledge of this because he and George Meany, AFLCIO president are labor members of the committee.

Reuther also accused Nixon of distorting the truth in saying the Democrats killed civil rights in Congress. It was not the Democrats, but Sen. Everett M. Dirksen of Illinois, the minority leader, Reuther said.

Nixon's last vote as a Republican senator in 1952 was against a federal Fair Employment Practices Commission, Reuther added.

DEPRESSED AREAS

The Vice President says we want to help depressed areas, Reuther charged, but President Eisenhower "vetoed and destroyed" two bills to send aid to these regions. Reuther called this "hypocrisy," "dishonesty," and "political immorality."

As for Nixon's claim that our world prestige is greater than ever, Reuther said:

"I wish the Russians were only using 60 per cent of their steel capacity. Then we could relax."

Reuther also pointed to the menace of Red China and said the United States is in "low gear."

Like Senator Kennedy on TV last week, Reuther pointed out that the number of U.N. votes to admit Red China is increasing. At the last vote, Reuther said, it was 42-34, with 22 nations abstaining.

Nixon is guilty of a disservice to the American people by encouraging a "false sense of security," Reuther said.

If anything, he added, Senator Kennedy is playing down the United States' lag behind Russia because he is using reports of the U. S. Central Intelligence Agency.

LABOR IN POLITICS

Labor is in politics not as a matter of choice, but of necessity, Reuther said.

"We have learned the hard way that labor can't solve its problems in a vacuum," he declared. "What you win on the picket line you can lose in Washington or Sacramento."

Reuther said the choice is clear between Kennedy and Nixon, that it is a choice between two different ideas of government.

This is the same choice the nation faced in 1932, Reuther said, a choice between government for the favored few and government for the majority of the people.

Reuther urged the unionists present from throughout the Bay Area to work actively for election of labor-endorsed candidates.

"I urge each of you to talk with your friends, neighbors and fellow workers," he said. "On election day, see that your friends and neighbors vote."

No comment dept.

The Oakland Chamber of Commerce has endorsed Proposition 1, the $1.75 billion state water bond issue on the November 8 ballot, as "critically needed for the development of Alameda County and all of California."

Bowles lashes stumbling GOP foreign policy---'prestige low'

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to solve their common problems, including hunger.

The Marshall Plan and the Point 4 program, Bowles added, have provided the only true basis for the non-Communist peoples of the world to work together in such a way "to build a structure that may someday lead to peace.

"We must build understandings with other peoples without arrogance, with real respect for their views and their cultures," Bowles emphasized. "Then we need never fear that they will vote Communist."

The "fear button" is the only thing which binds the United States and Europe together right now, according to Bowles.

"When Mr. Khrushchev pushes the fear button, we all rush together, and when the fear button is not pushed by the Kremlin we fall apart."

Are we prepared to work through the United Nations with the peoples of Asia, Africa and Latin America to help keep peace? Bowles asked.

"In Latin America, can we restore the good neighbor programs of Franklin Roosevelt, or are we going to wait until a Castro raises his head and then try to pull the fat from the fire?

"Today we are largely silent in the U. N.," Bowles said. "After Mr. Eisenhower's excellent speech in the U. N. two weeks ago, we have hardly been heard from. It's all been Khrushchev."

Bowles attributed this partly to our "poor representation."

SITUATION AT HOME

Despite the inescapable link between our foreign policy and Khrushchev's actions, there are seven fields which Bowles outlined in which the United States must progress and which Khrushchev "can't veto."

Listed by Bowles were slum clearance, decent living standards, adequate medical care for older people, discrimination and the problem of farm surpluses.

CRUCIAL ELECTION

"The election that lies ahead, I know you'll all agree," Bowles said, "is likely to be one of the most important of our lives.

"The urgent business of this new administration . . . cannot be done with a divided government."

In the presidential race, Bowles declared, foreign affairs are of paramount importance. Vice President Nixon says they are, too, Bowles charged, but Nixon says Khrushchev's presence in the United States should keep us from talking about them.

Despite this, Bowles suggested that the American people demand the Republicans explain why we have had "crisis after crisis" in our foreign relations.

AFTER BROADCAST

Bowle's major remarks were broadcast. Following his broadcast talk, he laid much of the blame for the Cuban situation squarely on the shoulders of the Eisenhower administration.

He said two Republican U. S. ambassadors to Cuba had been political appointees who had "aligned themselves with the forces of the 19th century," the Batista regime.

This helped to precipitate the Castro revolution and to plunge Cuba into the Soviet orbit, Bowles charged.

He said:

"The right people would have been able to head off most of the things that occurred.... There is no evidence that the people of the Eisenhower administration understand the forces at work in this explosive world of ours."

"The people of the world don't want Communism. They want bread and freedom," Bowles said. "In Jack Kennedy, you have a man who knows these things and who is ready to go out and do something about them."

COHELAN SPEAKS

Congressman Bowles,, who is chief foreign policy advisor to Senator Kennedy, was introduced by Congressman Cohelan, whose re-election he urged. Cohelan also spoke briefly.

"We must make it clear to the American people," Cohelan declared, "that we will not accept the objective of mere coexistence in an armed camp in this world of ours—that we will work together for human dignity."

The world, Cohelan said, is not half Communist and half free. It is one-third Communist, one-third free and one-third uncommitted. We must compete vigorously for and work together with the uncommited third, he said.

"This is the third," Cohelan said, "where men support whole families on the equivalent of $200 a year. This is the world where children go to bed at night with their stomachs empty."

Also appearing were Congressmen George P. Miller, Supervisor Francis Dunn Jr.. new Municipal Judge Lionel Wilson, Eugene Burdick of the University of California, campaign co-chairman Lyle Cook and TV star Don Sherwood, alias Danny Cohelan, a cousin of Congressman Cohelan plus Ed FitzSimmons, Democratic candidate for the 18th Assembly District.

Carmen vote on transit district offer Oct. 20

Carmen's Division 192 will vote on tentative contract proposals worked out with the Alameda-Contra Costa Transit District from 5 a.m. to 7 p.m. Oct. 20, President Vern Stambaugh said Tuesday.

The union negotiating committee will finish its explanation of the proposals at the regular union meeting Monday.

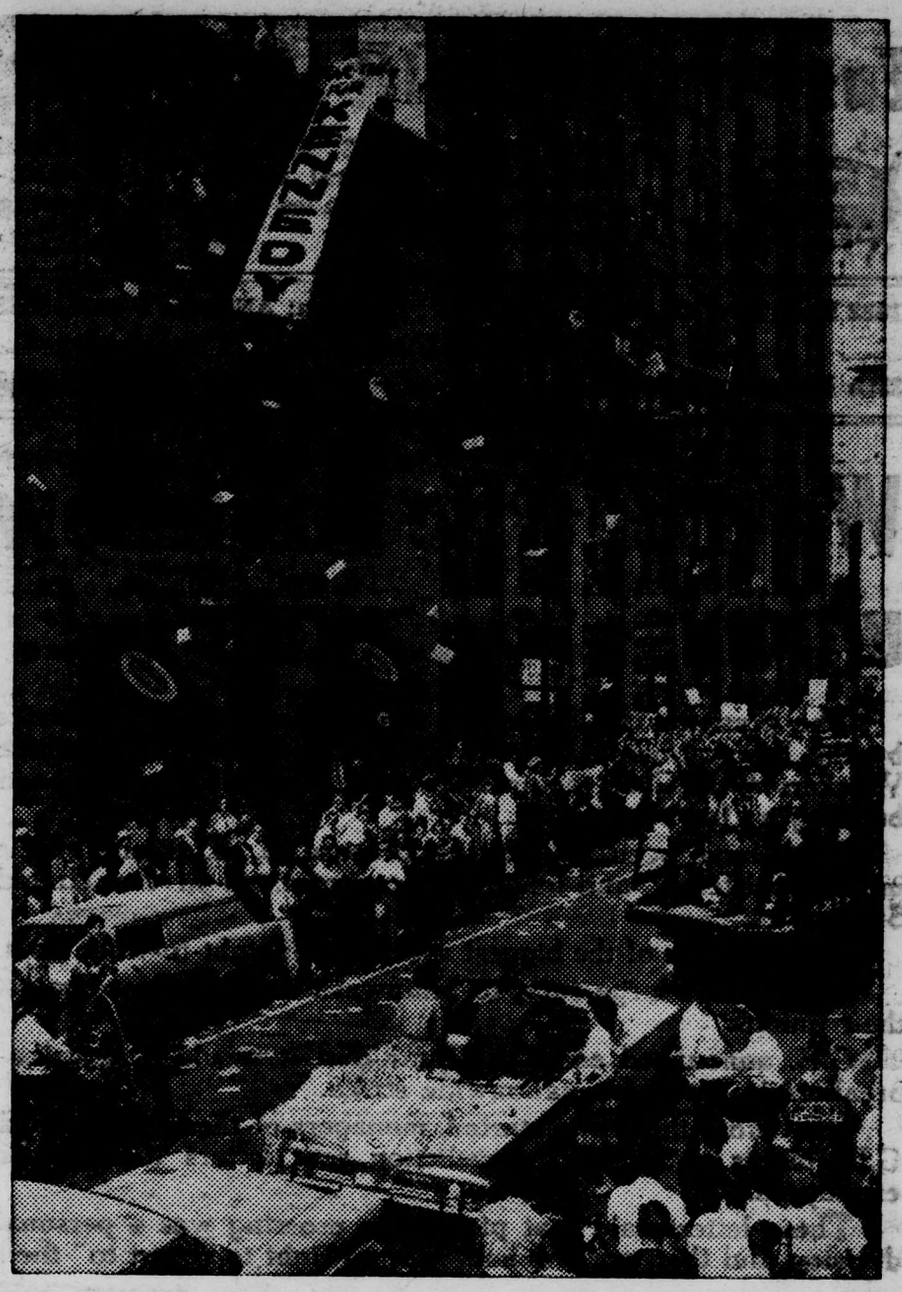
Musicians 6 cooperates in symphony TV show

Gerhard Samuel will conduct the Oakland Symphony Orchestra in a live rehearsal over KTVU, Channel 2, from 1-2 p.m., Sunday through cooperation of the station and Musicians Local 6. First regular concert is Wednesday night in the Oakland Auditorium, with Paul Badura-Skoda as soloist.

Attorneys for Petris

Assemblyman Nick Petris, seeking re-election in the 15th District, announced the following members of an Attorneys-for-Petris committee:

Elmo R. Smith, Grant Rounseville, Irving Loube, Robert P Cowell, Scott Kellogg, Herbert A. Bluer, C Jay Hollander, Aaron M. Greenberg, Spurgeon Avakian. Jacqueline Taber and Howard Benson.



NOT TICKER TAPE but shredded COPE voting records were thrown at Vice President Richard M. Nixon from the offices of the Kentucky State AFLCIO in Louisville. The records show the gap between what Nixon says and what the Republicans have done.

Local 390 tries again at Berkeley Council meeting

East Bay Municipal Employees 390, rebuffed earlier this year in its attempts to get a wage increase for its members who work for the City of Berkeley, planned to make another plea before the City Council this week.

Berkeley city employees are the only municipal employees in the Bay Area except Piedmont who received no pay increase for the current fiscal year. Other municipalities received five to ten per cent increases.

The Berkeley City Council denied a wage increase on the grounds of "economy," leaving their city employees among the lowest paid in the area.

Berkeley is now facing the problems of high employee turnover and difficulty of obtaining new employees at the present low rates of pay, according to Jay Johnson, business manager of Local 390.

Local 390 says that "economy" is not a real factor. The city has money in the capital improvements and the city manager's emergency funds, and assessment rolls show a reasonable anticipation of more than $80,000 that was not estimated, Johnson said.

"Berkeley employees are entitled to a living wage," he added. "The taxpayer is not saving money when city services and city employees are strained to the breaking point."

Wadler sentenced to five days in jail

Herman Wadler, whose milk "co-ops" have been under fire from Food Clerks 870 because they are non-union, was fined $500 and sentenced to five days in jail for contempt of court in violating state milk pricing laws by Superior Judge Cecil Mosbacher last Friday.

Judge Mosbacher delayed sentencing of three employees until Dec. 5.

This summer, Wadler "picketed" Judge Mosbacher with a billboard and sound truck which he drove around the Alameda County Court House.

His cut rate milk outlets in this area have been the object of information picketing of Local 870.

The jail sentence, however, was based on Judge Mosbacher's ruling that Wadler's co-op device for selling milk under state prices was in violation of a court order.

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We owe it to our fellow unionist to boycott G.E.

The pressures which led to the present nationwide strike by the International Union of Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers (AFLCIO) against General Electric Co. have been building up for a long time.

They have been building up because G. E. is one of the most consistently anti-union big corporations in the United States.

G.E. was one of the biggest spenders for right-to-work laws.

G.E. spends large sums to brainwash its employees against their unions.

G.E. announced early this year that it would hire strike-breakers in case of a nationwide strike.

Just before the strike started, managers of the two Oakland G.E. plants under IUE jurisdiction sent letters to all their employees.

These letters said that picket line crossing was a personal decision and that workers had "a legal right to report to" their jobs.

Finally, the present strike is partly the result of G.E.'s policy of picking on the militant IUE.

G.E. forced the IUE to settle more or less on G.E.'s terms in a power squeeze maneuver in 1955 and successfully blocked IUE attempts to reopen the agreement two years ago.

This history of anti-union defiance by G.E. makes even more urgent the plea of IUE delegates before the Central Labor Council Oct. 3 to boycott General Electric products.

Don't buy anything made by General Electric while our fellow unionists are on strike.

Don't buy G.E. light bulbs, even if G.E. has a monopoly concession at your supermarket.

Look on electrical plugs and wires.

If they are made by G.E., don't buy them.

Crusade agency picketed

The Jewish Welfare Federation was struck by Office Workers 29 Sept. 29. The strike was provoked by the stubborness of federation directors after the union had shown willingness to make concessions during several months of negotiating. The strike could have been prevented.

The Jewish Welfare Federation is a United Crusade agency.

Last Friday, the executive board of the Central Labor Council voted to withdraw its endorsement of the current Crusade drive unless its directors agreed to withhold funds from the struck Jewish Welfare Federation, pending settlement of the labor dispute.

As the East Bay Labor Journal went to press, this sanction had not been exercised. Last minute efforts may settle the strike without it. Otherwise, we feel organized labor—including unions not affiliated with the central Labor Council—should stand together on principle.

If the strike continues, it seems to us that further support of the United Crusade would, in effect, be strike breaking against the Office Workers by the rest of organized labor.

This matter deserves careful consideration by every union.

Sound Attitude

The Oakland Area Council of Churches, comprising 20 Protestant and Orthodox denominations, has taken a sound stand on the so-called "religious issue."

Key points in resolution adopted by lay and clergy delegates last week are:

—"We reject as irreconcilable with Christian and democratic principles any attempts that solicit opposition to—or support for—any candidate for public office because of his particular church affiliation.

—"We believe each citizen should arrive at his individual voting decision in this national election by examining and judging the general qualifications of each candidate—his abilities, his experience, his political record and performance in the past, his stated positions on the major domestic and foreign policy ssues of our day, and his specific programs and methods of dealing with these problems."

The resolution was submitted by Dr. Harold Geistweit, pastor of the Lakeshore Avenue Baptist Church, and passed by an overwhelming vote.

Union members would do well to ponder its sensible attitude, rather than the un-Christian hate arguments of misguided extremists.

'Your Sledge-Hammer Is Showing, Dick'



'HIGHER PAY FOR BUS DRIVERS---SAME FARES'

The Alameda-Contra Costa Transit District, which took over from Key System this month, plans to improve service and—at the same time—bring wages of its employees into line with those of other bus drivers and maintenance men in the Bay Area.

This is the basic "business policy," of the district, as outlined by John R. Worthington, general manager, to the press last week.

"For many years," Worthington said, "public transit has tried to compete with the automobile solely on the basis of economics."

In other words, it was cheaper to ride the bus.

A-C Transit, as the district calls itself, will also stress comfort and service.

This means:

1. Buying 150 new local transit coaches and 150 inter-city liners, to provide "comparative comfort," and

2. Establishing new routes and more frequent service—including freeway express buses to halve present schedules between Hayward, Oakland, Berkeley and Richmond.

"If we had done this 20 years ago," Worthing said, "the spiral of increasing transit fares would have been more in line with the spiral of costs in the rest of our economy."

LABOR RELATIONS POLICY

As for the district's labor relations policy. Worthington commented that A-C Transit directors had approved a new agreement with Carmen's Division 192 the previous night.

He put it this way:

"We have assured ourselves of labor peace for 26 months."

Worthington termed the discussions between the union and the district as "thorough."

He conceded that wages had been below those of surrounding areas under the Key System.

Class "A" mechanic's scale was $2.68 an hour under Key System. Auto mechanics and mechanics for the San Francisco Municipal Railroad get approximately $3.35 Worthington said.

Under the proposed A.C. Transit-Carmen's contract, Class "A" mechanics will get $3, effective Nov. 1, and the same percentage raises as drivers in 1961.

The district's policy is to bring wages near those for the same jobs elsewhere by the end of the 26-month contract, according to Worthington.

The district, Worthington said, expects to be able to afford the 6.2 per cent general raise Nov. 1 and 5.5 per cent on Dec. 1, 1961, and still carry out its service improvement program with no increase in fares.

NEW BUSES

First of the new buses are scheduled for delivery in December, when 40 inter-city units will be put on express and trans-bay runs.

In February and March, 125 buses for regular runs will arrive.

The inter-city coaches have slightly raised seating decks, with all seats facing forward. Fronts of the inter-city buses will be 55 per cent glass.

Over the next 10 years, the district expects to acquire 35 coaches per year, in addition to the initial 300 buses.

At the end of this period, all present Key System coaches will be retired. Some of these Key System buses were purchased in 1941 and many in 1945-47.

RAPID TRANSIT

If the Bay Area Rapid Transit District succeeds in securing public approval for and building a monorail or other rail system in the five counties it covers, the A-C Transit district will continue to operate buses.

In fact, the district's plans are geared to this eventuality, Worthington told the newspapermen.

In the meantime, he said, the district will rebuild the public transportation system in the East Bay by wooing commuters out of their cars with new equipment, new routes and better service.

Labor & Demos

I don't think it's much of a secret that I am a Democrat, an independent one to be sure, but it's my party. That's why this criticism, I hope, will be considered constructive.

I say this because I have a lot to criticize in the Democratic party, and that's not a secret, either.

I think Labor owes a good deal to the Democratic party, but the Democratic party owes ten times as much to Labor and the Democrats had better start acting accordingly. Otherwise the party is in for a very rude awakening in the 1960 campaign.—**Joseph T. De Silva, L. A. Retail Clerks 770.**

Minimum Wage

I do not care how much a man earns an hour if he earns it. If a man can earn $100 an hour, he is entitled to be paid that. However, if he can earn only 50 cents an hour, he should not be paid $1.25.—**Sen. Barry Goldwater, Phoenix department store owner.**

OPINIONS

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WHY SEARS MISSES MR. & MRS. MALONE

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Gentlemen:

Received today your letter of yesterday advising us that you "miss our visits."

Perhaps you had best remove us from your mailing list as you will continue "missing our visits" until you begin to practice fair play with your employees. As a member of the Teachers' Union, I can hardly in good conscience patronize your store in view of your methods of dealing with your employees who are organized into brother unions.

I shall be happy to resume our Sears patronage habits when Sears assumes fair methods of dealing with their employees. Until that time, rest assured that we shall continue to shop elsewhere, where the employees enjoy the honest and fair treatment consistent with the American Way of Life.

Sincerely yours,
GEORGE F. MALONE

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DOMESTIC WORKERS

Editor, Labor Journal:

Can you please let me know what the scale is for domestic workers? I would appreciate it very much as I do house work for others.

MRS. R. W. HALL
550 Detroit Ave.,
Concord, Calif.

Editor's Note: There is no wage scale for domestic workers because there is no union. Domestic workers in private homes are not covered by federal or state minimum wage and hour laws.

The Oakland office of the State Department of Employment says most domestic workers receive from $1 to $1.25 an hour. A few get more. If you get room and board, pay may be less. If you take care of children, it may be more.

Women who do domestic work in boarding, guest or nursing homes must receive at least $1 an hour, according to the State Division of Industrial Welfare, 1111 Jackson St., Oakland.

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JUST DETAILS?

I wonder if we are not sometimes so preoccupied with having our young people "learn" principles, that we neglect to point out to them that the principles haven't been as well applied as they should be. I'm sure that most students in social studies classes have "learned" about tolerance and studied about minority groups. But are they really prepared to graduate into a society where a forward-looking state like California waited until last year to attempt to enforce equality of job opportunity through FEPC legislation?

Do we take time to point out that the federal government is in the act of suing to send the first voting referee into a southern State to ensure that a pattern of discrimination in the registration of voters shall not be followed?

Are they ready to find that loud voices are raised to question the election to high office of a man who attends a certain church?

Has the picture been painted for them fully and fairly?—**Lt. Gov. Glenn M. Anderson.**

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NIXON AND LABOR

I was elected to smash the labor bosses, and my one principle is to accept no dictation from the CIO-PAC.—**Richard M. (Tricky Dick) Nixon.**